



## Africa RISING in the Ethiopian Highlands

# Action Research in Action in the Ethiopian highlands

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## Objective

Demonstrate the processes adopted to guide co-planning and co-implementation of site- and context-specific SLM, SWC and WH options in an integrated and sustainable manner.

## Approaches and outputs

### 1. Co-define the priority issues to be addressed

Co-problem identification and co-design of possible approaches are key to forming strong and sustainable partnerships. Participatory problem identification can help identify context-specific “solutions”.

### 2. Baseline and situation analysis for future monitoring

Conduct detailed analysis to establish baseline against which future trends in relation to interventions can be compared.

### 3. Identify the observed gaps and opportunities in a participatory manner to take appropriate measures

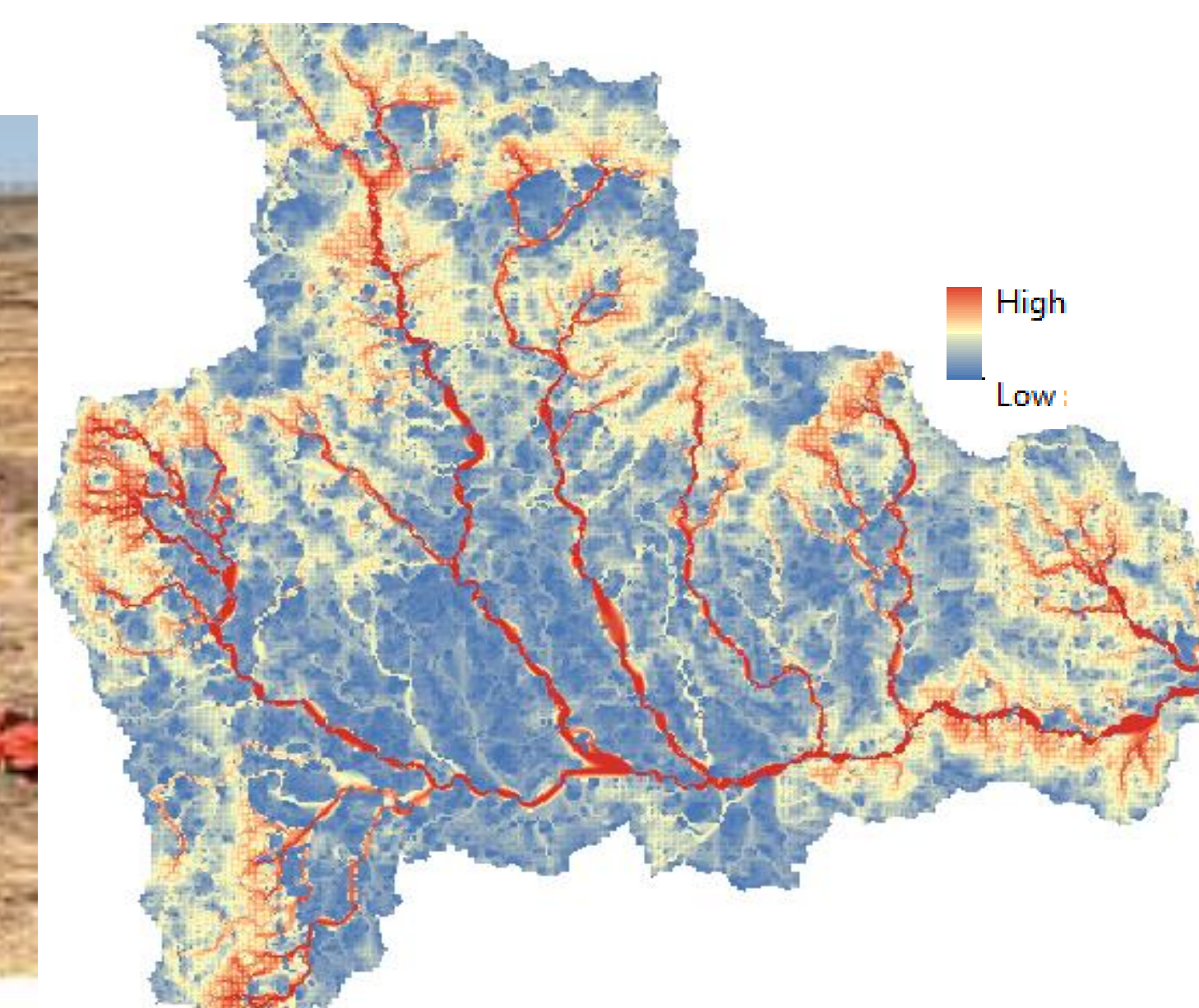
- Consultations of local communities as well as regional and local government representatives facilitates identifying gaps and niches. Trainings, exchange visits and demonstrations help create awareness and build local capacity.
- Co-learning sessions (both theoretical and practical) at the respective sites offered participants an opportunity to share experiences and agree on implementation modalities.
- Exchange visits to areas of ‘success-stories’ inspired participants to implement complementary technologies.

### 4. Prioritize areas of intervention and co-implement appropriate options

The priority intervention areas were identified based on participatory mapping and modelling exercises. Transect-based field visit was also conducted to visually inspect the mapping exercises and assess the potentials and constraints within sites. Resources (e.g., gabions) from the Bureau of Agriculture and community labor were used to implement different technologies.



Soil sample



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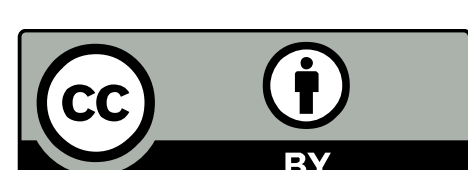
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